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Environmentally Critical Areas Code and Policy Update Workshop

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Seattle Center Northwest Rooms
Shaw Room**

How should development on and adjacent to environmentally critical areas (ECA's) of Seattle be regulated? Seattle's Department of Planning and Development is hosting a public meeting to discuss the upcoming Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) code and policies update. This work supports Mayor Greg Nickels' priority of building healthy and environmentally sustainable communities. You are invited to participate.

The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires local governments to designate ECAs and to protect them through the adoption of policies and development regulations. These areas include the city's wetlands, areas important for fish and wildlife, riparian corridors (such as creeks), geologic hazard areas (such as landslide-prone, steep-slope and liquefaction-prone areas), flood-prone areas, and abandoned landfills. The City of Seattle is commencing the first major update to these regulations and policies since they were first adopted in 1992.

The GMA requires local jurisdictions to consider the "best available science" when designating critical areas and when developing policies and regulations to protect these areas. The GMA also requires cities to give special consideration to the habitat requirements of anadromous fish, such as salmon.

This meeting will include a staff overview of the code and policy update process and provide a venue for the public to discuss and help frame issues that are important to address.

For more information on the ECA code and policy update, contact:

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